Case No.: 59036US004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: YAZAKI, AKIHIKO

Application No.: 10/595078 Confirmation No.: 2192

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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CLEAVING OPTICAL FIBERS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows:

☑ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month

Fees

✓ Any required fee will be made at the time of submission via EFS-Web. In the event fees are not or cannot be paid at the time of EFS-Web submission, please charge any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.
 ✓ Please charge any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.
 ✓ Please charge any additional fees associated with the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. This authorization includes the fee for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested.
 ✓ Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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January 23, 2009

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